13th March 1928]

*Damages by the erosion of the Padne bar.*

* 1691 Q.—Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many memorials and petitions the Government have received from the ryots of Nileswar, Padne, Charavattur and other villages about the devastations of the new Padne bar since its opening;

(*b*) the estimated damage caused by the erosion of the new bar since its opening;

(*c*) the extent of paddy fields and gardens and the number of houses, mosques, temples and trees respectively washed away by the shifting of the bar;

(*d*) whether, if the Government have not got the information asked above, they propose to call for the same and place the report received on the table;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that most of the destructions were caused during the monsoons;

(*f*) whether preventive or other action has been taken by the Government since the representation made by the ryots to His Excellency the Governor when the latter visited South Kanara in October last;

(*g*) whether they propose to call for the plan got prepared by the Collector of South Kanara showing the positions of the old bar, the new bar, the destruction so far caused and the destruction that is imminent, etc.; and

(*h*) whether the Harbour Engineer visited the place and had done anything till now and what report, if any, he has submitted to the Government?

*A.*—(*a*) The Government have received one such memorial.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information.

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) Since the visit of His Excellency the Governor to South Kanara in October last the Harbour Engineer-in-Chief has been deputed to report on the possibility of closing the new Padne bar. A report on the technical aspect of the question has been received from him and has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report on the revenue aspect of the damage likely to be caused if the present Padne bar is not closed.

*Expenditure in connexion with the Mettur Scheme.*

* 1692 Q.—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur: With reference to questions Nos. 119 and 120 answered on 24th August 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount that has been already spent under each head in connexion with the Mettur Scheme;

(*b*) the amount that is expected to be spent in the remaining portion of this financial year;

(*c*) the names and salaries of all gazetted officers that are working in connexion with the scheme;

(*d*) the lengths of the major channels and of the minor channels already dug in connexion with the Canal System of the Mettur Scheme and the cost that has already been incurred under each heading; and

(*e*) the cost of maintaining these channels till the reservoir, scheme is completed?